Vedas on Women

Women are accorded the greatest respect in Vedas. Still, ignorant semi-literate communists keep propagating the false propaganda that Vedas demean women. Presented here are verses from Vedas obtained from texts of most learned scholars in this field to establish the truth.

Atharva Ved

Atharva 11.5.18

In this mantra of Brahmcharya Sukta, it is emphasized that girls too should train themselves as students and only then enter into married life. The Sukta specifically emphasizes that girls should receive the same level of training as boys.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Girls should train themselves to become complete scholars and youthful through Brahmcharya and then enter married life.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya, Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 413-414)

Atharva 14.1.6

Parents should gift their daughter intellectuality and power of knowledge when she leaves for husband's home. They should give her a dowry of knowledge.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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When girls ignore external objects and develops foresight and vibrant attitude through power of knowledge, she becomes provider of wealths of skies and earth. Then she should marry an eligible husband.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya, Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya

Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 654)

Atharva 14.1.20

Oh wife! Give us discourse of knowledge

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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The bride may please everyone at her husband's home through her knowledge and noble qualities.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 660)

Atharva 7.46.3

Teach the husband ways of earning wealth

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Protector of children, having definite knowledge, worth thousands of prayers and impressing all directions, O women, you accept prosperity. O wife of desrving husband, teach your husband to enhance wealth.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 804)

Similar meaning

(Book: Atharvaved ka subodh bhashya (7-10 chapters), Author: Sripad Damodar Satvalekar, Page 97)

Atharva 7.47.1

Oh woman! You are the keeper of knowledge of all types of actions (karma).

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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O woman, you provide us wealth and prosperity.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 804)

Similar meaning:

(Book: Atharvaved ka subodh bhashya (7-10 chapters), Author: Sripad Damodar Satvalekar, Page 98)

Atharva 7.47.2

Oh woman! You know everything. Please provide us strength of prosperity and wealth

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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O woman! You enhance our wealth and prosperity

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 805)

Similar meaning:

(Book: Atharvaved ka subodh bhashya (7-10 chapters), Author: Sripad Damodar Satvalekar, Page 98)

Atharva 7.48.2

Oh woman! Please provide us with wealth through your intellect

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Scholarly, respectful, thoughtful, happy wife protects and enhances wealth and bring happiness in home.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 806)

Similar meaning:

(Book: Atharvaved ka subodh bhashya (7-10 chapters), Author: Sripad Damodar Satvalekar, Page 99)

Atharva 14.1.64

Oh woman! Utilize your vedic intellect in all directions of our home!

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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O bride! Reach the home of scholars and bring bliss and happiness by ruling your home

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 678)

Atharva 2:36:5

Oh bride! Step into the boat of prosperity and take your husband beyond the ocean of worldy troubles into realms of success

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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O bride! Step into the indestructible boat of prosperity and take your husband to shores of success.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 219)

Atharva 1.14.3

Oh groom! This bride will protect your entire family

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

Chapter 1: Women in Vedic Dharma, Page 13

O groom! This bride is protector of your entire family. May she dwell in your home for a

period and sow seeds of intellect.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 80-81)

Atharva 2.36.3

May this bride become the queen of the house of her husband and enlighten all.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Similar meaning as above

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 1, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 218)

Atharva 11.1.17

These women are pure, sacred and yajniya (as respected as yajna); they provide us with subjects, animals and food

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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These women are pure, sacred, worth being worship, worth being served, of great character, scholarly. They have given subjects, animals and happiness to the entire society.

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 352)

Atharva 12.1.25

Oh motherland! Give us that aura which is present in girls

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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May we have the same aura and prosperity as in women!

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 480)

Atharva 12.2.31

Ensure that these women never weep out of sorrow. Keep them free from all diseases and give them ornaments and jewels to wear.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

Chapter 1: Women in Vedic Dharma, Page 13-14

Similar meaning

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 507)

Atharva 14.1.20

Hey wife! Become the queen and manager of everyone in the family of your husband.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

Chapter 1: Women in Vedic Dharma, Page 14

Similar meaning

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 660)

Atharva 14.1.50

Hey wife! I am holding your hand for prosperity

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Similar meaning

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 672)

Atharva 14.1.61

Hey bride! You shall bring bliss to all and direct our homes towards our purpose of living

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Similar meaning

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 677)

Atharva 14.2.71

Hey wife! I am knowledgeable and you are also knowledgeable. If I am Samved then you are Rigved.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Similar meaning

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 708)

Atharva 14.2.74

This bride is illuminating. She has conquered everyone's hearts!

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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May the bride be victorious and prosperous!

Similar meaning

(Atharvaveda-Hindi Bhashya Part 2, Author: Kshemkarandas Trivedi, Sarvadeshik Arya Pratinidhi Sabha, Delhi, Page 709)

Atharva 7.38.4 and 12.3.52

Women should take part in the legislative chambers and put their views on forefront.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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<u>Rigved</u>

Rig 10.85.7

Parents should gift their daughter intellectuality and power of knowledge when she leaves for husband's home. They should give her a dowry of knowledge.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Rig 3.31.1

The right is equal in the fathers property for both son and daughter

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Rig 10.159

A women speaks after waking up in morning, "My destiny is as glorious as the rising sun. I am the flag of my home and society. I am also their head. I can give impressive discourses. My sons conquer enemies. My daughter illuminates the whole world. I myself am winner of enemies. My husband has infinite glory. I have made those sacrifices which make a king successful. I have also been successful. I have destroyed my enemies."

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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The sun has gone up; my prosperity and happiness also have mounted high. Quite sure, I have

regained the love of my husband, triumphing over my rivals.

I am the emblem, I am the head, I am supreme and now I dictate; my husband must conform to my will; rivals now I have none.

My sons are destroyers of my enemies; my daughter is a queen; and I am victorious. My and my husband's love has a wide reputation.

O enlightened, I have offered that oblation which has been offered by the one, the most illustrious and thus I have become renowned and most powerful; I have freed myself from my rival damsels.

I am free from rivals; I am now the destructress of rivals, victorious and triumphant; I have seized other's glory as if it were the wealth of weaker dames, who do not endure long. I have gained victory over these my rivals, so that I have my imperial sway over this hero and his people.

(Book: Rgveda Samhita, Vol XIII, Author: Swami Satya Prakash Saraswati & Satyakam Vidyalankar, Ved Pratishthana, New Delhi) Page 4697

Appendix to above hymn (Page 4813) of same book:

Saci is the Rsi as well as the devata of the hymn. Saci is the Queen-Empress of the State or the Queen on her own accounts in a democratic state (the lady-President, or the Lady-Prime Minister of the State). Her sons and daughters are also dedicated to the State.

Rig ved 1.164.41

One ved, two ved, or four ved along with ayurved, dhanurved, gandharved, aarthved etc in addition with education, kalp, grammar, nirukt, astrology, meters i.e the six vedaang should be attained by the clear-minded woman, which is equivalent to the crystal-clear water and spread this diversified knowledge among the people.

(Book: Vagambhraniya, Author: Dr Priyamvada Vedbharti)

O men and women! A scholarly woman who has practiced or teaches one, two or four Vedas or four Vedas and four upavedas, along with grammar, etymology etc and spreads knowledge to whole world and removes ignorance of people is source of happiness for entire world. A woman who studies and teaches all parts of Vedas brings progress to all human beings

(Book: Rigveda Bhashyam, Part III, Author: Dayanand Saraswati,Vedic Yantralaya, Page

382,383)

Rig ved 10.85.46

Like wise in so many other mantras a woman has been presented to play an essential role in family and as wife. Similarly she has been given the lead stage in society works, in governmental organizations, and for ruling the nation is also mentioned in Vedas.

(Book: Vagambhraniya, Author: Dr Priyamvada Vedbharti)

Rigevda contains several Suktas containing description of Usha as a God. This Usha is representation of an ideal woman. Please refer **"Usha Devata" by Pt Sri Pad Damodar Satvalekar as part of "Simple Translation of Rigveda (Rigved ka subodh bhashya)".** Page 121 to 147 for summary of all such verses spread across entire Rigveda. In summary:

1. Women should be brave (Page 122, 128)
2. Women should be expert (Page 122)
3. Women should earn fame (Page 123)
4. Women should ride on chariots (Page 123)
5. Women should be scholars (Page 123)
6. Women should be prosperous and wealth (Page 125)
7. Women should be intelligent and knowledgeable (Page 126)
8. Women should be protector of family and society and get in army(Page 134, 136)
9. Women should be illuminating (Page 137)
10. Women should be provider of wealth, food and prosperity (Page 141- 146)

<u>Yajurved</u>

Yajur 20.9

There are equal rights for men and women to get appointed as ruler.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

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Yajur 31.11

In this mantra the Brahman, kshatriya, vaishya and shudra are there in each human body.

Brahmin from the head, king from the shoulders, vaishya from the thigh, and shudra by feet. The progeny of the shudra through his karma(actions) can grow to be a Brahman.

(Book: Mera Dharma, Author: Priyavrat Vedavachaspati, Gurukul Kangri University)

Yajur 16.44

There should me a women army. Let the women be encouraged to participate in war.

(Book: Vagambhraniya, Author: Dr Priyamvada Vedbharti)

Yajur ved 10.26

In this mantra it is enforced that the wife of ruler should give education of politics to the others. Likewise the king do justice for the people, the queen should also justify her role.

(Book: Vagambhraniya, Author: Dr Priyamvada Vedbharti)

Yajur ved 30.15

(Book: Vagambhraniya, Author: Dr Priyamvada Vedbharti)

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